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SUBJECT: 61ST ECOSOC - ITEM 18 - INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION -
INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

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1. AS ITS FINAL ACTION, PPCC ADOPTED AUGUST 2, DRAFT DECISION ON INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD, TEXT OF WHICH CONTAINED PARA THREE BELOW. DEPT WILL NOTE THAT DECISION AS ADOPTED IS FREE OF EXPLICIT REFERENCES TO NIEO AND OTHER OBVIOUSLY OBJECTIONABLE POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED TERMINOLOGY. HOWEVER, EAST EUROPEANS (PARTICULARLY GDR AND USSR), MEXICANS, AND PROBABLY OTHER IDEOLOGICALLY ORIENTED DELS CAN BE EXPECTED TO PUSH THEIR IDEAS AGAIN AT 31ST GA IN THE DEBATE ON THE "GENERAL OBJECTIVES" OF THE IYC, MENTIONED IN PARAS ONE A AND ONE B OF THE DECISION. IN THE VIEW OF MOST DELS, THE REQUEST IN OP PARA TWO FOR REVISED COST ESTIMATES WILL RESULT IN DRAFT BUDGET NOT EXCEEDING \$3-4 MILLION (VS. ORIGINAL \$8 MILLION COST ESTIMATE).

2. USSR AND GDR BOTHERED BY PARA FIVE AND DELS ANNOUNCED
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THEY MAY HAVE TO REVERT TO FINANCIAL QUESTION IN PLENARY.

FRANCE STATED ITS UNDERSTANDING OF "FINANCING" IN PARA ONE TO MEAN VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS. INDIAN ANNOUNCED GOI INTENDS TO CONTRIBUTE 900,000 RUPEES FOR IYC DURING 1977-79 AND NETHERLANDS ANNOUNCED GON INTENTION TO MAKE "HANSOME" CONTRIBUTION.

3. BEGIN TEXT -

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL (E/5844), DECIDES TO:

1. RECOMMEND THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD:

(A) PROCLAIM 1979 AS THE "INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD", PROVIDED THAT THE GENERAL OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD HAVE BEEN AGREED AND THAT ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE TO ENSURE ITS FINANCING;

(B) GIVE APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY DELEGATIONS AT THE SIXTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, TO THE GENERAL OBJECTIVES TO BE BORNE IN MIND AND IMPLEMENTED BY THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD;

(C) CALL UPON ALL THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD;

(D) DESIGNATE THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND AS THE LEAD AGENCY FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. REQUEST THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO SUBMIT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION A BRIEF REPORT, INCLUDING REVISED ESTIMATES OF COSTS, IN THE LIGHT OF THE DISCUSSIONS AT THE SIXTY-FIRST SESSION OF THE COUNCIL;

3. INVITE GOVERNMENTS TO GIVE THEIR SUPPORT TO THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD;

4. URGE THE APPROPRIATE ORGANS AND ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UNITED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONS SYSTEM AS WELL AS NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS TO ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD;

5. RECOMMEND THAT ALL PARTIES WHO INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FINANCING OF THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD MAKE KNOWN THEIR INTENTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO AS TO ENABLE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO TAKE A DECISION AT ITS THIRTY-FIRST SESSION.

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